

### REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 11-13, 15-16, 18-20, and 22-23, and cancelled claims 10, 14, 17, and 21. Thus, claims 11-13, 15-16, 18-20, and 22-23 are pending and presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

#### Request for Allowance of Claims 11-13, 15-16, 18-20, and 22-23

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claims 15 and 22 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15 and 22 have been rewritten in such a manner.


In view of the amendments to claims 15 and 22, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 22 are in condition for allowance as well as claims 11-13 and 16 which depend on claim 15 and claims 18-20 and 23 which depend on claim 22. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 11-13, 15-16, 18-20, and 22-23.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extension of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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